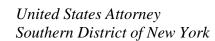
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The Honorable P. Kevin Castel United States District Judge Daniel Patrick Moynihan Federal Courthouse 500 Pearl Street New York, NY 10007-1312 Evidentiary Hearing is scheduled for September 26, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. SO ORDERED.

Dated: 5/2/2019

Re: United States v. Jason Galanis,

15 Cr. 643 (PKC)

P. Kevin Castel United States District Judge

Dear Judge Castel:

The Government has reviewed the respective affidavits filed by defendant Jason Galanis and his counsel, Thomas Mazzucco, Esq., in connection with Galanis's claims of ineffective assistance of counsel. The Government believes that the affidavits make conflicting factual assertions regarding the advice provided to Galanis by Mr. Mazzucco. As such, the Government consents to an evidentiary hearing at which further evidence regarding Galanis's claims can be adduced.

The Government has consulted with both Mr. Mazzucco and habeas counsel for Galanis. Given upcoming trial demands for Galanis's counsel, as well as the necessity of having the United States Marshals transport Mr. Galanis from California to New York for any evidentiary hearing, the parties would request that the hearing be scheduled in late September, to the extent such a date is compatible with the Court's schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

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